

October 24, 2005; Agenda Item No. 14

Resolution No. 05-080

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION (A) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE ACQUISITION OF APN'S 4458-020-007 AND -016, MALIBU CIVIC CENTER AREA , MALIBU; (B) AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF THOSE FUNDS TO THE CITY OF MALIBU OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZING ASSIGNMENT OF THE GRANT TO THE CITY OF MALIBU, AND (C) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT

WHEREAS, The State of California has authorized expenditure of funds from Proposition 50, the Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects. Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection Act to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for capital outlay and grants to acquire and protect coastal wetlands and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is authorized to award grants to government agencies pursuant to Section 33204(c) of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 33211 of the Public Resources Code authorizes the Conservancy to do any and all things necessary to carry out the purposes of Division 23; and

WHEREAS, The acquisition of the Malibu Civic Center site is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives to implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan, ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed, link and integrate new natural parks into existing park systems, and link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project protects land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project implements the goals stated in Proposition 50, Chapter 1, Section 79501(h); and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated October 24, 2005 further describes the project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is categorically exempt from the environmental impact provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; Now

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.
3. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Conservancy's Strategic Objectives.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 24, 2005.
5. AUTHORIZES making an application for Proposition 50 Section 79572 funds and entering into a grant agreement with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the acquisition of approximately 19.7 acres in Malibu as described in the staff report.
6. AUTHORIZES making a grant to the City of Malibu or in the alternative authorizes an assignment of the grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board to the City of Malibu.
7. AUTHORIZES the execution of all documents required by the Wildlife Conservation Board pursuant to the conditions of the grant.
8. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, regularly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of October, 2005 at Malibu, California.

Dated:

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Executive Director